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TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 0040  
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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PORG, SREF, SF, WA, AO  
SUBJECT: NAMIBIA - POSSIBLE WESTERN FIVE CONTRIBUTIONS OF  
HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO ANGOLA

REF: USUN 2055

1. MISSION HAS CONFERRED ON ABOVE SUBJECT WITH UNHCR,  
WHICH CONFIRMS THAT "TWO OR THREE DAYS" AFTER CASSINGA  
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RAID, ANGOLAN GOVERNMENT MADE AN APPEAL TO THE SECRETARY  
GENERAL THROUGH REPRESENTATIVES OF WHO, WFP, UNHCR, UNICEF,  
AND UNDP IN LUANDA FOR ASSISTANCE TO THE NAMIBIAN REFUGEE  
VICTIMS. SINCE THEN THESE ORGANIZATIONS HAVE BEEN RE-  
SPONDING WITH THE FOLLOWING RESULTS (ACCORDING TO UNHCR  
CURRENT STATISTICS):

A. UNHCR.

20 METRIC TONS OF WHEAT FLOUR DELIVERED MAY 10;  
180 METRIC TONS OF WHEAT FLOUR IN PIPELINE;  
120 BEDS AND MATTRESSES DELIVERED BY AIR;  
28,800 BLANKETS LENT FROM ZAIRIAN REFUGEE PROGRAM (TO BE REPLACED);  
95 METRIC TONS OF CORRUGATED IRON SHEETS, BORROWED FROM "HUMANITARIAN PROGRAM" (TO BE REPLACED);  
3 VOLVO LANDROVERS AND ONE TRUCK TO BE SHIPPED FROM SWEDEN.

A SPECIAL UNHCR AIR CHARTER DEPARTS AMSTERDAM FOR LUANDA TOMORROW (MAY 25) WITH FOLLOWING ITEMS:

200 TENTS;  
8 TONS OF CLOTHING;  
5 METRIC TONS OF SOAP;  
200 BEDS AND MATTRESSES;  
3 TONS COOKING UTENSILS AND INFLATABLE MATTRESSES (DONATED BY NAMIBIAN SUPPORT COMMITTEE, LONDON);  
3 TONS MEDICAMENTS (UNICEF).

UNHCR APPROVED ADDITIONAL \$300,000 FOR THIS EMERGENCY SITUATION, THUS BRINGING TOTAL ALLOCATION FOR NAMIBIAN REFUGEES DURING 1978 TO \$450,000 TO DATE.

B. FROM UNITED KINGDOM.

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3 LANDROVERS, DELIVERED BY AIR MAY 6, AND TURNED OVER TO SWAPO;  
100 TENTS SCHEDULED FOR DELIVERY MAY 23;  
3,900 BLANKETS (OXFAM);  
100 BALES CLOTHING (OXFAM).

C. UNICEF. (IN ADDITION TO MEDICAMENTS ABOVE)

170 TENTS AIR LIFTED MAY 6;  
76 TENTS DUE TO ARRIVE BY SHIP "SOONEST".

D. WFP.

74 METRIC TONS VEGETABLE OIL DELIVERED LUANDA MAY 15;  
250 METRIC TONS OF BEANS;  
EXAMINING POSSIBILITY OF PURCHASE 200 METRIC TONS MAIZE MEAL FROM ZAMBIA AND 2,000 SACKS OF RICE;  
FURTHER CONSIGNMENT OF 90 METRIC TONS OF BEANS ETA LUANDA JUNE 15;  
761 METRIC TONS OF RICE ETA ANGOLA EARLY JUNE.

E. UNDP NOW PROCESSING EMERGENCY ALLOCATION TO COVER AIR FREIGHT COSTS FOR FOOD AIRLIFT.

F. ICRC (GENEVA).

3 TONS OF MEDICAL SUPPLIES AIR DELIVERED MAY 12.

2. FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE SAID STILL TO BE URGENTLY NEEDED:

MEDICAMENTS; TENTS; VEHICLES; INFLATABLE MATTRESSES;  
CLOTHING AND BLANKETS.

3. ESTIMATE OF NEEDS BASED ON REFUGEE POPULATION OF 30,000.  
IN PROVIDING FOREGOING INFORMATION, UNHCR RESPONSIBLE OFFICER  
TOLD US THAT CASH CONTRIBUTION WOULD BE THE MOST USEFUL FOR  
THIS PURPOSE IN THAT IT WOULD PROVIDE THEM GREATER FLEXI-  
BILITY IN MEETING NEEDS IN WHATEVER DOMAIN THEY AROSE.

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4. USUN SHOULD ALSO REFER TO GENEVA'S 7084 (NOTAL) CONCERN-  
ING EARLIER COMMUNICATION MISOFF HELD WITH RESPONSIBLE  
UNHCR REPS ON THIS SUBJECT. WE WOULD AGREE WITH USUN (PARA  
1-B REFTTEL) THAT SOME U.S. CONTRIBUTION AND INDICATION OF

DIRECT U.S. INTEREST IN PLIGHT OF NAMIBIAN REFUGEES MIGHT  
GO FAR TOWARD ALLAYING SUSPICIONS OF AFRICANS AS TO U.S.  
INDIFFERENCE OR, WORSE, HOSTILITY TOWARD AFRICAN LIBERATION  
MOVEMENTS, AS EXEMPLIFIED BY ATTITUDE OF AFRICAN UNHCR  
OFFICIALS REPORTED GENEVA 7338 (NOTAL), WHICH IS BEING  
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